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SUBJ: SC MEETING RAID BEIRUT

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- 1. BEGIN SUMMARY: DIR INTORG AF HASHIM PROMISES CONVEY US CONCERNS OVER UNBALANCED RESOLUTION TO FONMIN BUT NO COMMITMENT ON GOS ACTION. HASHIM RESTATED NEED FOR BIG POWERS (US) TAKE ACTION RESTRAINING ISRAEL AND ASSISTING PALESTINIANS THEREBY REMOVING CAUSE OF TERRORISM AND DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN ISRAELI ORGANIZED ACTS AND THOSE OF INDIVIDUAL ARAB TERRORISTS. EMB APPROACH STRESSED POSITIVE AND FORWARD- LOOKING ASPECTS BALANCED RESOLUTION IN CONTRAST NEGATIVE AND BACKWARD- LOOKING ASPECTS UNBALANCED RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.
- 2. WITH CONTINUING DEFERRALS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT FONMIN KHALID (TOP ECHELON GOS COMPLETELY TIED UP WITH VISIT ARE ASST TO PRES SAYED INCLUDING MARATHON MEETINGS), CHARGE CALLED ON FONOFF DIRINTORG HASHIM AND PRESENTED US CONCERNS CONTAINED REFTELS AND PASSED TEXT AMB SCALI'S APR 17 STATEMENT WITH REQUEST INFO BE PASSED ON TO FONMIN QUICKLY. IN RESPONSE, CONFIDENTIAL

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HASHIM NOTED THAT INSTRUCTIONS TO GOS REP UN DRAFTED AND SENT BY MINISTER'S OFFICE AND HE NOT FULLY INFORMED THEIR CONTENT OTHER THAN A GENERAL URGING THAT GOS REP COOPERATE WITH LEBANON REP AND THOSE OTHER ARAB STATES. HE WENT ON, HOWEVER, TO OUTLINE GENERAL GOS VIEW THAT (A) IT IS AGAINST TERRORISM, (B) FAVORS A NEGOTIATED ME PEACE, (C) ISRAELI ATTACKS A WORSE FORM OF VIOLENCE THAN INDIVIDUAL TERRORISM AND SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS SUCH, AND (D) FAILURE "BIG POWERS TAKE STEPS PREVENT ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE, AND (E) ROOT CAUSE OF TERRORISM IS PLIGHT PALESTINIANS.

3. CHARGE DID NOT ATTEMPT REBUT ITEMS, BUT INSTEAD TRIED FOCUS HASHIM TOWARD RECOGNIZING THAT UNBALANCED RESOLUTION SEEKING PROPAGANDA VICTORY WOULD ONLY BE CONTINUATION PAST CYCLE OF AGONY AND CONTRIBUTE TO FUTURE VIOLENCE. IN ADDITION, IF SITUATION DEVELOPED WHEREBY US WOULD RELUCTANTLY HAVE TO VETO UNBALANCED RESOLUTION, RESULTING ARAB OUTCRY AND VITUPERATION WOULD FURTHER WORSEN ATMOSPHERE AND HAMPER RATHER THAN FACILITATE

ANY ABILITY US FACILITATE MOVEMENT ON ME PROBLEMS. GOS, WHICH HAS CONTINUALLY EXPRESSED ITS DESIRE FOR RATIONAL MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, MIGHT FIND IT MORE COMPATIBLE TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE TO WHICH A BALANCED RESOLUTION COULD CONTRIBUTE AS A SMALL BUT SIGNIFICANT FORWARD STEP IN LONG PROCESS OF PROCEEDING FROM ATMOSPHERE TO NEGOTIATIONS TO SETTLEMENT. IT WOULD ALSO AVOID THE RETROGRESSIVE IMPACT CAUSED BY THE AFTERMATH OF AN UNBALANCED RESOLUTION AND ANY US VETO.

4. HASHIM STATED HE WOULD BRING CONTENTS US CONCERNS TO ATTENTION FONMIN (ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT HE WILL ALSO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN GAINING ACCESS). CHARGE MAINTAINING REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN TO HANDLE THIS AND OTHER MATTERS. FRITTS

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